GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:516
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
RAILWAY PROJECT IN CHHATTISGARH
Jogi Shri Ajit

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects submitted by Chhattisgarh Government during the year 2007−08;

(b) the present status of those proposals;

(c) whether the inadequate allocation of funds for rail projects of Chhattisgarh has been hampering the progress of work on these projects; and

(d) if so, the steps taken for ensuring adequate allocation of funds for timely completion of said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516 BY SHRI AJIT JOGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.02.2008 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECT IN CHHATTISGARH.

(a): The detailed record of each and every demand received for projects is not maintained. However, in the recent past, demands have been received from the State Government and the elected public representatives mainly for construction of Dalli-Rajhara−Jagdalpur, Barwadih−Chirimiri, Bilaspur−Mandla−Jabalpur new lines and Raipur−Dhamtari gauge conversion.

(b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed among Ministry of Railways, Government of Chhattisgarh, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) on 11.12.2007 for construction of Dalli-Rajhara−Rowghat−Jagdalpur new line and land acquisition has been taken up on Dalli-Rajhara−Rowghat segment. An updating survey for Barwadih−Chirimiri new line has been proposed in the Budget 2008−09. Survey for Bilaspur−Mandla−Jabalpur new line was conducted in the past but project could not be considered for being taken up. An updating survey for Raipur−Dhamtari gauge conversion has been completed recently.

(c)&(d): The ongoing projects in Chhattisgarh are being progressed as per their operational priorities and the availability of resources. The Railways have taken a number of initiatives to get additional resources from sources other than the normal budgetary support to expedite the completion of these projects.